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Presidents' Letters



*I*n June we congratulated our newest class of alumni, the graduates of 1997, and in August we welcomed 100 first year students who will graduate in the year 2001. If we forecast the future based on the past, these new students will encounter profound changes in the course of their professional lives — and most likely during their short four years at this College.

Important changes have occurred throughout the College this past year. Dr. **Clinton Wilson '43** assumed the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees in July. He succeeds Dr. **Joseph Bickford '65** who had served as chairman for six years. Executive staff changes at the College saw the additions of Dr. **Raymond Dye**, Dean of Student Affairs, and Mr. **Alden Keyser**, Vice President of Business and Finance. The College has begun new overseas programs in Spain and France, and successfully concluded its program in Italy which serves as a fundamental model in the field of international education. New milestones were reached in the advancement of our research programs, most notably the award of a multi-site clinical trial grant by the National Eye Institute which will support the investigation of the relationship between the progression of myopia and the wearing of progressive addition lenses. As always, curriculum enhancements have been recently introduced. Beginning with last year's entering class, the fourth year of instruction will be 12 months of full-time clinical study. Also, alumni and corporate giving has reached unprecedented levels. The College's centennial campaign, 2000 In Sight, has reached the \$5 million mark in gifts and pledges. Upgrading of College facilities continues. Occupancy of 5,000 square feet of new space at the New England Eye Institute occurred in August, research space has been expanded at the Beacon Street campus, and this fall we will begin construction of a new library facility scheduled to be completed next summer.

As I welcome the newest class of future alumni, I am always curious as which will emerge as future leaders of our profession. Many will. I believe that in some way the dynamic environment which defines The New England College of Optometry serves to instill within our students the courage to seek and undertake the risks associated with change.

Finally, in the vein of leadership, let's not forget to recognize the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists and its leaders who deserve endless recognition for their many years of determined effort which ultimately led to the successful passage of Massachusetts new therapeutic drug law. Congratulations on a job well done.

Dr. Larry Clausen
President

*W*elcome to our newest alumni members, the Class of 1997 — the first class to enter the profession of optometry with all 50 states having therapeutic licensure! Massachusetts has at long last triumphed, leaving only Washington, D.C., to achieve the privilege of using therapeutic drugs. Finally, the diligence and perseverance of many individuals on many different fronts has paid off. The combined effort of numerous individuals for our mutual benefit demonstrates the importance of organizations such as the Alumni Association that unite us to work as a group.

As I listened to the speeches on graduation day and greeted the new graduates and their families, it reminded me of why I chose to become an optometrist — their glow overshadowed the specter of practicing in an era of managed care with all its attendant challenges. Their new energy and talent will augment our ranks and help to create an environment that recognizes optometrists as full fledged members of the health care team with something unique to offer our patients.

Your voice, as alumni of the College, can only be heard if you share it with us. I am hoping to catch up with many of you at the Third Annual Alumni Weekend, October 25 and 26. It promises to be a wonderful weekend with top notch continuing education and a "state of the union" address by President Dr. Larry Clausen who will outline the College's achievements over this past year and describe plans for the future. For those of you who have been out of touch, you will be proud to hear of the bold plans to launch our school and profession into the 21st century. The Beacon Street facility and the New England Eye Institute on Boylston Street are facilities we can take pride in. They are representative of the high level education and patient care taking place.

A day of education will be capped by a delightful dinner on Saturday evening. The alumni reunion is a time for socializing with old friends and classmates and an opportunity to meet new alumni and their families. Scheduled to take place during the lovely New England autumn, it is a delightful time to be in Boston.

I am campaigning to get the College web page up and running. This should allow for expedited communication. I want to make the Alumni Association an interactive platform where we, the alumni, can give back to the College and the College can support us in our endeavors. I hope to hear from you with thoughts and greetings. Until our page is up, I would be pleased to receive e-mail at lw318@aol.com.

Dr. Lynn Wirtman '76
Alumni Association President

Faculty News

College Faculty, Students, and Staff Present Research at ARVO

Members of the College community presented some of their exciting research at the 1997 meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, May 11-16. This is the major annual meeting for eye research with about 9,000 eye researchers and practitioners attending. The College was well represented with eight papers and sixteen posters presented.

- D.A. Sullivan, L.A. Wickham, M.D. Ullman, I. Toda, M.R. Dana, Dorothy Bazzinotti '90, Kathleen L. Krenzer '90. *Androgen Control of the Meibomian Gland.*
- F.A. Ali, P.G. Arrigg, Richard M. Calderon '75. *Pre-Vitrectomy Diagnostic Ultrasound in Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy.*
- Nancy J. Coletta. *Spatial Resolution and Sampling at Low Luminance.*
- V. Sharma, D.M. Levi, Nancy J. Coletta. *Sparse Sampling in Central Vision of Strabismic Amblyopes.*
- James P. Comerford '78, Amy Pruszenski '93, Frank Thorn '79, Steve Perryman. *An Assessment of Lateral Inhibition Within the Visual Field in Parkinson's Disease.*
- S. Rumelt, R. Haimovici, D.M. Small, D.L. Gantz, Thomas F. Freddo '76, C.K. Dorey. *In-Situ Lipid Analysis of the Aging Sclera and Its Correlation to Lipid Deposition in Drusen and Bruch's Membrane.*
- R. Haimovici, S. Rumelt, D.M. Small, D.L. Gantz, Thomas F. Freddo '76, C.K. Dorey. *In-Situ Lipid Analysis of Drusen and Age-Related Changes in Bruch's Membrane Using Hot Stage Polarizing Microscopy.*
- N.H. Kolodny, H. Chang, C. Suarez, W. Ryan, Thomas F. Freddo '76. *Comparison of Two Contrast Agents for MR Imaging of Blood-Aqueous Barrier Permeability.*
- H. Gong, K. Brown, M. Johnson, R.D. Kamm, Thomas F. Freddo '76. *Hydraulic Conductivity of Juxtacanalicular Connective Tissue Using Quick-Freeze/Deep-Etch.*
- E.A. DelBono, R. Abdulmessih, M.S. Reardon, Kenneth M. Grice, Jane E. Gwiazda, J.L. Haines, J.L. Wiggs. *Genetic Linkage Analysis of Three Pedigrees Affected by Juvenile-Onset Myopia.*
- Kenneth Grice, Joseph Bauer, I. Tham, U. Rajan, Frank Thorn '79, H.M. Cheng, S.J. Chew, Jane Gwiazda. *Myopic Progression Differs Between Children in Boston and Singapore.*
- Jane Gwiazda, Joseph Bauer, Kenneth Grice, Frank Thorn '79. *Precursors of Myopia in Children.*
- B. de Gelder, A.C. Bachoud-Levi, Richard Held. *Continuing Influence of Configural Processing on General Recognition Processes in Prosopagnosia.*
- Charles D. Leahy '87, J. Ellis, G. Yan, K.H. Shih, E. Jahngen. *A Comparison of the Lipid, Protein and Mucin Components of Tears Extracts of the Meibomian Gland and Extracts of Soiled Rigid Gas Permeable Contact Lenses.*
- C.S.Y. Lam, Michel Millodot. *A Two-Year Longitudinal Study of Myopia Progression and Optical Components Changes Among Southern Chinese School Children.*
- D.A. Orel-Bixler, P. Schmidt, Bruce Moore '75, F. Ciner, L. Cyert '80, V. Dobson, M. Maguire. *Validity of the LEA Visual Acuity Chart.*
- E.B. Ciner, P.P. Schmidt, L. Cyert '80, V. Dobson, M. Maguire, Bruce Moore '75, D. Orel-Bixler, J. Schultz, D. Allen. *Vision Screening of Preschool Children in the United States: A National Survey.*
- Debra L. Nickla, J. Wallman. *Isolated Chick Sclera Shows a Circadian Rhythm in Glycosaminoglycan Synthesis.*
- Eli Peli '83, A. Labianca. *The Detection of Moving Localized Features: The Tiger's Stripes.*
- C.W. Burns, A.T. Labianca, Eli Peli '83. *Eye Movements During Reading of Dynamic Text.*
- Frank Thorn '79, Joseph Bauer, Kenneth Grice, Jane Gwiazda. *Predicting School-Age Myopia From Children's Refractive History.*
- Sondra Thorn, Frank Thorn '79. *Appearance of Images with Computer Simulation of Blur and Defocus.*
- David Troilo, Ellie Francis, Glara Yi. *The Temporal Characteristics of Eye Growth Control are Affected by Optic Nerve Section.*
- Christine Wildsoet, J. Wallman. *Is the Rate of Lens-Compensation Proportional to the Degree of Defocus?*

Rodney Hinkle Named Assistant Dean for International Programs

Rodney Hinkle, Ed.D., J.D., joined the College community on July 1, 1997, as Assistant Dean for International Programs. Dr. Hinkle was Dean of Fisher College from 1977-1996 and most recently has been working with the School for Field Studies in Beverly, Massachusetts. Dr. Hinkle has a long history of involvement with international programs while at Fisher and in previous positions which include serving as a US/A.I.D. contract administrator for Harvard University and as an Overseas Technical Director for the Peace Corps at Syracuse University.

Dr. Hinkle received his J.D. degree from Harvard University and his Ed.D. in International Education from Columbia University. During his years in higher education, he has also been involved with the New England Board of Higher Education and taught International Education at Boston University.

Dr. Hinkle's desire is to build upon the commendable progress in international education programs already established at the College and to broaden and deepen the involvement of students, staff, and faculty in a genuine two-way exchange across national boundaries.

China's National Optometry Research Center Holds Second International Advisory Board Meeting

In April three staff members from the College attended the Second International Board Meeting for the National Optometry Research Center in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Larry Clausen, President, co-chaired the meeting and was joined by Dr. David Heath '83, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Professor Guang-Ji Wang '92. Over 45 optometric professionals from around the world gathered at the meeting which was organized by China's Ministry of Public Health and sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, Bausch & Lomb, and CIBA Vision.

As part of the activities, Dr. Clausen spoke at the Foundation Stone Ceremony, which broke ground for a new optometry hospital at the Wenzhou Medical College, the "twin college" of The New England College of Optometry. Dr. Clausen applauded the progress that China has made in



Dr. Rodney Hinkle

optometric education and renewed his pledge of support to the College's sister institution.

"Optometry is evolving as the primary eye care specialty in China within the broader framework of medicine. This unique arrangement has global implications," said Dr. Larry Clausen who went on to say that the meeting was an "extraordinary success." Dr. David Heath agreed. "A strong foundation for increasing access to eye care by the people of China has been established. It is less a question of if or how, rather it's now a question of how fast."

As a result of the board meeting, an agreement was reached to form an association of programs among four of China's medical schools: Wenzhou Medical College; Sun Yat-Sen Eye Center; Tianjin Medical School; and Western China University of Medical Sciences.

International Education: Argentina

In April 1997, Dr. Bina Patel was invited to lecture, evaluate the curriculum, and attend the graduation ceremony at the Escuela Superior de Optometria (CEPEC) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is the only officially recognized optometry college in Argentina, a country where there are 4,000 ophthalmologists, 90 optometrists, and approximately 3,500 opticians. Dr. Patel, in addition to submitting her recommendations to CEPEC administration, has passed along her findings to colleagues at the College for future contacts with this young, but impressive, effort underway in Argentina.

College News

College Elects New Officers and Members of the Corporation

The New England College of Optometry elected several new trustees and corporators and a new slate of officers of the Board of Trustees at its Annual Meeting on May 30, 1997.

Chairman

Clinton L. Wilson, O.D., graduated from the College in 1943 and opened an optometric practice in Waltham, MA, over 50 years ago. A member of the Board of Trustees since 1978, Dr. Wilson was previously Secretary of the Board. He is past president of the Waltham Rotary Club and an officer in Scottish Rite Masonry. For ten years he paraded with the Aleppo Shriners as a drummer in the Colonial Minutemen Fife and Drum Corps. Dr. Wilson resides in Wayland, Massachusetts.

Vice Chairman

David W. Ferris, O.D. is a 1966 graduate of the College and has an optometric practice in Warwick, RI. He has been a Corporator of the College since 1985, and a Trustee since 1995. He has been active in state, regional, and national optometric organizations, and is a past president of the American Optometric Association. Dr. Ferris chairs the College's 2000 In Sight Steering Committee for the Rhode Island State Campaign. He is active in numerous civic organizations including the YMCA and the Rotary Club. He was awarded the Rhode Island Optometric Association Distinguished Service Award for his participation in community affairs. Dr. Ferris lives in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Treasurer

Ms. Christine S. Manfredi is Partner and Director of Operations at Wellington Management Company, Boston, MA. A member of the Board of Trustees since 1992, Ms. Manfredi is a member of the Finance/Audit and Investment Committees of the Board. She received her B.S. from Bentley College and is a CPA. She is a member of the Investment Company Institute and the National Investment Company Services Association. Ms. Manfredi is a resident of Andover, Massachusetts.

Secretary

Mr. Francis L. DiMella is a principal of the architectural firm DiMella, Shaffer & Associates, Inc., of Boston, MA. Mr.

DiMella is a graduate of Syracuse University, School of Architecture. He has directed commercial, institutional, and residential projects throughout New England. A Trustee since 1985, Mr. DiMella has assisted in renovation planning at the College. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Boston Society of Architects, the Massachusetts State Association of Architects, and is a visiting lecturer at Harvard University.

Elected to the Board of Trustees

Ronald R. Ferrucci, O.D. Dr. Ferrucci is an optometrist in private practice in Milford, Massachusetts. He graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in Biology and received his Doctor of Optometry degree from the College in 1974. He is an active member of the American Optometric Association, serves as a consultant to the Council on Optometric Education, and is past president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. He has been a leader in promoting passage of TPA legislation in Massachusetts. Dr. Ferrucci was named New England Optometrist of the Year in 1993 by the New England Council of Optometrists and Alumnus of the Year in 1996 by the College's Alumni Association.

Julian Soshnick, Esq. Mr. Soshnick is vice president and general counsel for Analogic Corporation. He received a B.A. from Brandeis University, a J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law, and studied at the Judge Advocate General's School, University of Virginia Law School. While in private practice, he served as assistant attorney general in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Currently, he serves as principal legal advisor to Analogic Corporation and its global subsidiaries. Mr. Soshnick has negotiated agreements in the United States and other countries, including joint ventures with both Russia and China. In China the venture is with the Academy of Science of the People's Republic of China, to form a corporation known as Analogic Scientific, Inc. He has traveled extensively in China and Russia, and expansion into South America is planned. Mr. Soshnick resides in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Norman C. Spector, Esq. Mr. Spector is a partner in the law firm of Burns & Levinson of Boston, MA. He received a

B.A. from Case Western Reserve University and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School. Mr. Spector is chairman of his law firm's Finance Department. His practice has concentrated in the representation of both lenders and borrowers in the structuring, negotiating, and documentation of commercial loan transactions. Mr. Spector also practices in the general representation of privately held business enterprises and maintains an active healthcare practice. He is Chairman of the Board of the New England Sinai Hospital, Stoughton, MA; a corporator, former board member, and member of the Medical Affairs, Audit and Institutional Review Committees at Beverly Hospital, Beverly, MA; has been a Corporator at the College since 1985; and currently serves as general counsel to the College. He is a member of the American and the Massachusetts Bar Associations, as well as the Commercial Law League of America and the National Health Lawyers Association. Mr. Spector lives in Beverly, Massachusetts.

J. Wayne Streilein, M.D. Dr. Streilein is President and Dewalt and Marie Ankeny Director of Research at the Schepens Eye Research Institute, and Professor and Vice-Chair, Department of Ophthalmology and Professor, Department of Dermatology at Harvard Medical School. He received an A.B. in Chemistry from Gettysburg College, a M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and is licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Florida. Dr. Streilein is a visiting professor in India and China; University of Oregon Health Science Center, Portland, Oregon; Scripps Institute, La Jolla, CA; and Boston University School of Medicine. He has received several NIH grants in the past five years, is listed in the 1996 "Who's Who in America," and was given the 1996 Responsible Conduct of Research Award by Harvard Medical School. Dr. Streilein lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

Richard L. Wallingford, O.D. Dr. Wallingford has a private practice in optometry in Greenville, Maine. He received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Maine at Orono and an O.D. degree from The New England College of Optometry in 1975. In addition to his private practice, he is a consultant and a member of the Advisory Board of the Beacon Eye Institute. Dr. Wallingford has been a Corporator at the College since 1992 and is a member of the College's

2000 In Sight Steering Committee for the Maine State Campaign. He is currently center chair for the American Optometric Association (AOA) Federal Government Relations Center and a member of their Clinical Guidelines Coordinating Committee and Volunteer Structure. He has announced that he will run for the AOA trustee position in 1998. He is a member of the National Ski Patrol, is a Maine licensed whitewater guide, a licensed private pilot, and owns and manages sporting camps at Moosehead Lake. Dr. Wallingford lives in Rockwood, Maine.

Elected to the Board of Corporators

Lucille L. Beaulieu. Ms. Beaulieu is a senior mortgage consultant at Fleet Mortgage in Manchester, New Hampshire. She received a degree in nursing from Rivier College and a B.A. in Behavioral Science from Notre Dame College. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees at The New England College of Optometry since 1985, has served on the Executive and Investment Committees, and was Secretary to the Board from 1992-1994. She is a co-founder and officer of the NH Women's Forum. Among her other community involvements are the YWCA, the Greater Manchester Mental Health Center, and the National Exchange Club. Ms. Beaulieu lives in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Nancy J. Jarvis. Ms. Jarvis is co-owner and manager of a real estate company in Walpole, Massachusetts. She studied at Boston University and is a graduate of the Realtors Institute. She has been a Trustee at The New England College of Optometry since 1993. Ms. Jarvis has extensive experience in real estate appraisals. She is a member and past president of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, a trustee of the Southwood Community Hospital, a member of the Neponset Valley Health Association, and a director of the Walpole Cooperative Bank. Ms. Jarvis hosted a radio talk show on real estate topics, and teaches adult education courses at her community's school. Ms. Jarvis lives in Walpole, Massachusetts.

Rev. Colin L. Leitch. Reverend Leitch is Assistant Minister at the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, where he preaches regularly and conducts adult education programs and provides pastoral counseling. He received a B.A. degree in

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Government from Florida State University and a Masters of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. Rev. Leitch has been a participant in our commencement program for several years and serves as a member of the College's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Before entering the ministry, Rev. Leitch was a teacher in special education and was supervisor of school safety at the Board of Education in New York City. He served as Senior Adviser and Proctor in the Freshman Dean's Office at Harvard College. Reverend Leitch lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

Nannette Rife. Ms. Rife is the owner and president of Nantema Sales, Inc. in Greenville, Rhode Island. She received a business degree from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. She has extensive experience in marketing, public relations, and operations management. Prior to starting her own company, Ms. Rife directed marketing and sales of several multi-million dollar companies. She is a member of the International Society for Hybrid Manufacturers, International Microelectronics and Packaging Society, and is Co-Chair of the Smith Street Council. Ms. Rife lives in Greenville, Rhode Island.

Alden Keyser Named Vice President of Business and Finance

Alden Keyser joined the College administration as Vice President of Business and Finance on June 30, 1997.

Mr. Keyser comes to the College from Laboure College in Boston where he was vice president of administration and finance. In that position he restructured the financial reporting system, implemented new accounting standards, supervised upgrading of the computer system, and played an active role in fund raising.

Prior to that he served for 15 years at

Samuel Cabot, Inc., a \$30 million sales manufacturer of wood stains and wood care products. He first started as controller and after several promotions became vice president-finance and treasurer. He began his career as senior member of the audit staff at Price Waterhouse & Company.

Mr. Keyser received a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina and a M.B.A. from Boston University. He is a certified public accountant. His professional activities include membership in the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is on the Finance Committee of the Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

JRI Health: The Sidney Borum Jr. Health Center, A Division of Justice Resource Institute

The Sidney Borum Jr. Health Center is a fully licensed community health center which is located in the heart of Boston across from the Boston Common. It is a unique health facility which caters to the needs of adolescents and young adults ranging from 15-30 years of age. It is staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, and counselors. The center is affiliated with Boston Children's Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The clinic is fully equipped to provide primary medical care, episodic care, health screenings, mental health services, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and full treatment, education and counseling for HIV infection and AIDS. The clinic does not discriminate to those without insurance and in fact most of the patients are offered free health care.

In its quest to expand the clinical education to its students, the College is proud to announce its affiliation with JRI Health. The eye clinic at the center has a fully equipped lane to provide primary care ranging from binocular problems to ocular health problems. We also have a selection of eyewear which has been generously donated by Welling Eyewear and Marchon. The eye clinic is open only on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to visit JRI's web site at <http://www.jri.org> or e-mail them at borum@jri.org. If you would like to visit the clinic, please do not hesitate to call Dr. Gary Chu '95 at 617/236-6313 or e-mail at chu@ne-optometry.edu.



Alden Keyser

Transitional Library

The library renovation project leapt from its planning stage into action when the College library moved from its 420 Beacon Street location into its temporary location, the former dormitory, at 418 Beacon Street this summer.

With the expert assistance of the National Library Relocations, a firm specializing solely in moving libraries, the move went smoothly, and the library reopened within days with all of the stacks in perfect order and the furniture arranged as planned.

The College was able to house all of the journal collections and general book collections on site. Archives, some of the AV collection, and older volumes of print indexes have been put into storage.

In general, comments about the transitional location have been positive. Most have expressed surprise at how nice the library actually looks and how homey and intimate it feels.

The library now has direct Internet connectivity, and the process of installing SIRSI, the Library's new automated system, is on schedule. We anticipate that the system will be up and accessible on the College network and through the Internet by summer's end.

International Programs: France

In June, 28 students and faculty members from the Institut et Centre D'Optometrie (Bures sur Yvette, Paris France) participated in a week-long series of lectures and laboratories at The New England College of Optometry. These activities were part of an ongoing Certificate of Advanced Study in Vision Science. The program is designed to prepare the students for the European Diploma of Optometry Examination. Dr. Joanne Caruso '85, coordinates this exciting new program. Dr. Bina Patel, Director of International Programs, assisted the students during their week long stay in Boston.

Lectures and laboratories in Environmental Vision, Binocular Vision and Ocular Myology were offered by Drs. James Comerford '78, Jack Richman, Richard Laudon '75, Stacy Ayn Lyons '88, and Glen McCormack. The students also were able to attend a Red Sox Game and have a sightseeing tour of Boston on the Duck Tour.



Dr. David Heath, Dr. Bina Patel, and Mr. Jean-Paul Roosen.



French faculty members and students with Dr. James Comerford.



Students and faculty from France who participated in the program here in Boston.

Mr. Jean-Paul Roosen, President, and Mr. Thierry Thomas from the Centre D'Optometrie also visited The New England College of Optometry during that week and met with clinical administration and faculty members regarding establishing clinical sites at the Institut et Centre D'Optometrie. They visited both the internal and external clinical sites of the College.

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Faculty at the Centro Boston de Optometria y Oftalmologia: Drs. Fernando Hidalgo Cruz, Jose Luis Hernandez, Isabel Sabaté, and Miguel Lumeras.



Centro Boston de Optometria y Oftalmologia.

International Programs: Spain

The New England College of Optometry and the Centro Boston de Optometria y Oftalmologia in Madrid, Spain, are offering a collaborative program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Optometry (B.S. Opt.), the degree most recognized outside North America. The curriculum is that portion of The New England College of Optometry O.D. program that, when combined with undergraduate education, fulfills the Bachelor of Science requirements. The College routinely awards a B.S. degree to its students who have not yet completed their Bachelor's requirements upon admission.

Approximately 30 Spanish optometrists who, in addition to their certification, earned a Master's degree, have been accepted into this program. Drs. Bina Patel and Clifford Scott '68, interviewed the applicants and tested each one for clinical proficiency. The course, approximately 500 contact hours including clinical workshops, is organized

into 50-hour modules which will be presented at the Centro Boston facility in Madrid.

Drs. Thomas Freddo '76, and James Comerford '78, were the first two faculty members to travel there, teaching courses in Ocular Anatomy and Environmental Vision respectively. Drs. Mark Zorn '80, and Glen McCormack are scheduled to go in August. The Centro Boston is directed by Dr. Fernando Hidalgo Cruz, a 1987 graduate.

Ciba Vision Donates Computer for NEEI

Ciba Vision Corporation recently donated a new PC compatible computer to the New England Eye Institute. Through the efforts of Dr. Sally Dillehay, Manager of Professional Services at Ciba Vision Corporation, and Dr. Ronald Watanabe, Chief of Contact Lens Services at NEEI, students on rotation at NEEI will now be able to access not only word processing and database programs, but more importantly, educational CD-ROM's and internet sites as well.

The new computer allows students to search for information relating to patient cases, thereby enhancing the learning experience. In addition, it allows students to compose referral and summary letters to referring doctors. This is a welcome tool for the students and is a big step towards introducing multimedia, self-learning modules in the clinical program.



RGPLI Sponsors Fitting Workshop at the College

On April 18 and 19, 1997, the Rigid Gas Permeable Lens Institute presented a lecture and workshop on the fitting of RGP contact lenses to OD97 and OD98 students, and to some College faculty. Friday night's lecture was given by Dr. Robert Grohe of Chicago, IL, and Dr. Tom Quinn of Columbus, OH, and covered the gamut of RGP fitting on normal and irregular eyes. Saturday's workshops gave the students the opportunity to evaluate RGP fits on patient types ranging from basic spherical and aspheric lens wearers to toric, bifocal, keratoconic, post-transplant, and post-refractive surgery patients. This was a unique chance to

observe the subtleties and intricacies of specialty contact lens fitting. Students were also able to discuss the patient cases and the thought processes involved in their management with supervising doctors Robert Grohe, Tom Quinn, Sheri Morneault '96, Susan Gromacki, and Ronald Watanabe. All students and faculty in attendance were extremely pleased with the educational experience and encouraged the College and the RGPI to continue to bring this program to the College. Special recognition goes to Dr. Sheri Morneault and Ursula Lotzkat of the RGPI for organizing this event.

NEI Funds \$50,000 for Preschool Vision Screening Planning Grant

The Preschool Children's Vision Screening Study Group has received a clinical study planning grant from the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health in the amount of \$50,000. The project relates to the vision screening of preschool children and will be undertaken by a group of nine investigators at various universities, colleges of optometry, and departments of ophthalmology.

The investigators are: Dale Allen, FAAO; Elise Ciner, O.D., FAAO; Lynn Cyert, '80, Ph.D., O.D.; Velma Dobson, Ph.D.; Maureen Maguire, Ph.D.; Bruce Moore, '75, O.D., FAAO; Deborah Orel-Bixler, Ph.D., O.D.; Paulette Schmidt, O.D., M.S., FAAO (principal investigator); and Janet Schultz, CNPN.

The Study Group, sponsored by the American Academy of Optometry's Research Committee and the American Optometric Association's Council on Research, was formed at the 1994 Clinical Research Institute.

The Group's NEI planning grant will support the development and refinement of procedures for a multi-center/multi-year clinical study of screening tests to identify three-year old children in need of vision care for amblyopia, strabismus, and significant refractive error.

As vision disorders are the fourth most common disability in the United States and the most prevalent handicapping condition in childhood, the primary goal of the project is to develop an effective and efficient screening procedure to identify three-year old children at risk for the prevalent and significant vision problems affecting young children.



Front row: OD98 students who organized the event: Roselyn Jeun, George Heinig, Brett Mills. Middle row: Elaine Lacey, Dr. Ronald Ferrucci, Dr. Katherine Coffey, Dr. Susan Gromacki, Ingrid Vaughan, Ursula Lotzkat, Sharon Teague. Back row: Dr. Ronald Watanabe, Dave Fleming.

Coopervision Sponsors Toric Soft Contact Lens Fitting Workshop

On March 25 and 27, 1997, Coopervision presented an educational workshop on the fitting of toric soft contact lenses at The New England College of Optometry. Third year students, with the guidance of Boston area optometrists Drs. Ronald Ferrucci '74, Katherine Coffey '89, and Susan Gromacki, performed fittings on patients in need of astigmatic correction. Prior to the fitting session, Sharon Teague, Manager of Professional Relations at Coopervision, gave a lecture on empirical and diagnostic fitting of toric lenses. Ingrid Vaughan, Elaine Lacey, and Dave Fleming of Coopervision and Ursula Lotzkat of the RGP Lens Institute were also in attendance for technical support. The



Soft toric workshop.



Soft toric workshop.

workshop was received very enthusiastically by the students in attendance.

They felt that this was time well spent and look forward to similar hands-on educational programs in the future. The College would like to thank Coopervision for sponsoring this event.



Dr. and Mrs. Albert Sherburne and Dr. and Mrs. Roger McCarthy following the recognition ceremony and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

Major Gift Establishes Permanent Endowed Fund for Scholarships

At the May 30 Annual Meeting of the Corporation, Dr. Joseph Bickford '65 announced the establishment of a permanent endowment fund for scholarships, made possible through a gift of \$88,395 from The Massachusetts Vision Service Plan Trust. The initial scholarships, supported by this important donation, will be awarded this fall. All students are eligible for these awards.

Present at the announcement were Dr. Roger McCarthy '63 and Dr. Albert Sherburne '73, Vision Service Plan representatives, who facilitated this important contribution to the College. Dr. David Friedman '72, who also assisted in securing this gift, was unable to attend. For the past several years Vision Service Plan has generously funded the annual Senior Awards Banquet.

Alumni Weekend October 25-26, 1997

Welcome Home!

Look back at your College days while looking ahead to state-of-the-art advances — from learning how to make the Internet work for you to current clinical findings in headache causes and treatments, You'll hear the latest in optometric research, practice and equipment.

The New England College of
Optometry's Third Annual
Alumni Weekend

October 25-26, 1997
Copley Plaza Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

To reserve your place, return this form to The Center for Continuing Education, The New England College of Optometry, 1255 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215. Charge your reservation by fax at 617/236-6323 or by phone at 1-800-272-5314.

The cost of Alumni Weekend, including the 10-credit educational program and the Alumni Association Annual Dinner and Meeting, is \$200 for dues-paying members of the Association. Attend both days, or just one day. These prices do not include hotel accommodations; reduced-rate hotel rooms are available on a limited basis at the Copley Plaza Hotel. To reserve your room, call 617/267-3500 and identify yourself as a NEWENCO Alumni Weekend guest.

Note: NEWENCO Continuing Education discount coupons cannot be applied to Alumni Weekend programs.

Saturday, October 25 (6 credit hours)

Neal Nyman, O.D., *Ethics in Clinical Care*

Keynote Address: Barbara Caffery, O.D., *Contemporary Considerations in the Precorneal Tear Film*
Anthony Cavallerano, O.D., Cystoid Macular Edema; Rodney Gutner, O.D., Macular Hole; Neal Nyman, O.D., Leber's Hereditary Optic Atrophy; Jeffrey Nyman, O.D., Corneal Hydrops; Jerry Selvin, O.D., Optic Nerve Drusen; Robert Smith, O.D., Contact Lens Complications
Clinical Case Studies — Challenges in Primary Care

President's Address: Larry Clausen, O.D., Ed.D.

Lunch

William Dell, O.D., M.P.H., *Information Technology Highway*

Jeffrey Nyman, O.D., *Video Grand Rounds*

Cocktail Reception, Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Dinner
and Class of '47, '72, '77, '87 and '92 Reunions

Sunday, October 26 (4 credit hours)

Depew Chauncey, O.D., Ph.D., Alan Cooperman, O.D., D.C.,
David Higgins, O.D. M.P.H., *Headache Symposium*

David Friedman, O.D., *Prior — Progressive Research In Optics*

Barbara Caffery, O.D., *Emerging Trends in Precorneal Tear Film*

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Commencement 1997

*O*ne hundred and ten graduates received their Doctor of Optometry degrees at the College's 103rd Commencement Exercises on May 31, 1997, with Kevin Toolin receiving the Valedictory Award. Dr. John W. Streff was named the 1997 Honorary Degree Recipient in recognition of a lifetime of service and dedication to the profession.

The Third Annual Capstone Program was a part of commencement activities held the week prior to graduation. Daily lectures on topics geared to graduates included laser seminars, practice management techniques, and board review were followed by social events (including a night at Crossroads) in the evening. The Commencement Awards Dinner was held the night before graduation at the Copley Marriott Hotel to honor graduates for their special achievements.

The Class of 1997 was joined by family, friends, trustees, corporators, faculty, and alumni at the graduation ceremony held at the John Hancock Hall on Saturday morning, May 31, 1997.



Drs. Joseph Bickford, Honorary Degree Recipient John Streff, and President Larry Clausen.



Dr. Clinton Wilson accepting a gift from President Larry Clausen after stepping down as Secretary of the Board of Trustees to become Chairman of the Board.



Drs. Bina Patel, Larry Clausen, and Joanne Caruso with students from the International Program in Italy.



Matthew Forgues receiving the Edward Troendle Award from classmate Laura Kain.



Dr. Gary Chu, Jonathan Arnel, and Matthew Forgues.



Dr. Lester Brackley, Mrs. Honey Baldwin, and Dr. William Baldwin.



Members of the Class of 1997 Glenna Wei, John Magalhaes, Irene Mestito, Han Ngoc Vo, and Phong Vo.



Dr. Mark Forgues, Mrs. Claire Forgues, Ms. Dorothy Cotter, Dr. Clinton Wilson, and Mrs. Forgues.



Kristina Buster, Nita Saini, and Amy Warren.



Mrs. Finnemore, Dr. Victor Finnemore with Alumni Association President, Dr. Lynn Wittman.

1997 Graduate Degrees

Matthew Charles Allen
Agawam, Massachusetts

Phyllis Andrejko
North Syracuse, New York

Lianne Laverna Archambeault
Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada
Alcon Contact Lens Award

Jonathan G. Arnel
Ailsa Craig, Ontario, Canada

Prag Arora
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Alison Anne Bailey
Rockingham, North Carolina

Kim Lee Bergeron
Sabattus, Maine

Bethany Brooke Bernstein
Cranford, New Jersey

Patrick Luke Bessette
Paxton, Massachusetts

Douglas J. Blair
Watertown, Massachusetts

Brian Christopher Blake
Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Kristen Kay Boonie
Honesdale, Pennsylvania
Salutatory Award
Class of '69 Scholarship
Wesley-Jessen Student Recognition Award

Paul Anthony Breault
Auburn, New York

Debra Aida Buduo
Worcester, Massachusetts

Kristina Lee Buster
Salmon, Idaho

Kiran Byrapaneni
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Linda Tuy t Gawtry Cameron
Rumford, Maine
Sunsoft Contact Lens Award
Vision Service Plan Scholarship

Mara A. Santos Capuano
Waterbury, Connecticut

Kimberly Smith Castellucci
Wheeling, West Virginia

Jenny Yui-Young Cha
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Madhu Chawla
Glendale, California

David Arthur Chiang
Palos Verdes Estates, California

David Chu
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Monika Chugh
Fremont, California

Corrine Lynn Como
Califon, New Jersey

Joseph Mark Constable
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Charles Raymond Descheneaux, Jr.
Quincy, Massachusetts
Marchon Eyewear Award

Bruce Dornn
Simi Valley, California

Eric David Dostal
Northampton, Massachusetts

Cathleen Lanigan Doucette
Melrose, Massachusetts

James Nicholas Doyle
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Zeinep Omirdjanovna Echetebe
Brookline, Massachusetts

Monya Dayan Elgart
East Haddam, Connecticut

Jonathan Fishbein
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Christy Elizabeth Foreman
Marietta, Georgia

Matthew Simeon Forgues
Worcester, Massachusetts
Edward Troendle Award
Omega Scholarship

James Dimitrios Franks
Whitestone, New York

Jack Fried
Searingtown, New York

Maha Hassan Gabarin
North York, Ontario, Canada

Jane Zaida Garcia
Miami, Florida

Jagpal Singh Gill
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Advanced Standing International Program
Scholastic Achievement Award

Brian Edward Godines
San Diego, California

Harry Edward Gray
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Todd E. Greene
Feeding Hills, Massachusetts

Marina Grinshpan
Arlington, Massachusetts

Jeffrey Andrew Guild
Glenbrook, Nevada

Patricia Arlene Haller
Chillicothe, Ohio
Hyman R. Kamens Achievement Award
F. Dow Smith Award

Ryan York Hargreaves
North Attleboro, Massachusetts

Sharon F. Henderson
Somers, Connecticut

Maryam Hossein-Doost
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fareda Sharefah Isaacs
Durban, South Africa

Prabhjot Kaur Jassal
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Ian Milton Jones
Rochesay, New Brunswick, Canada

Timothy Wilbur Jordan
Brookline, Massachusetts

Laura J. Kain
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Alumni Association Scholarship
Corning Low Vision Award

Jenny He-Jung Kim
Buena Park, California

Patricia Kim
Buena Park, California

Stacy Marlo Kosik
Pembroke Pines, Florida

Jennifer A. Kumpitch
St. Croix, Virgin Island

Kimberly Ann Lefevre
Foster, Rhode Island
Vistakon Award

Helios Tin-Chung Leung
Seattle, Washington
William R. Baldwin Scholastic
Achievement Award

Paul E. Levine
Stoughton, Massachusetts
Bernell Clinical Award
NEWENCO Clinical Award

Annie Ya-Yen Liang
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Binhaifa Lila
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Stephen Charles Lobaugh
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Chengwan Lu
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Steven Ray MacDonald
Olympia, Washington

John Dias Magalhaes
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Renata M. Majda
Worcester, Massachusetts

Abdelkader Mallouk
Waltham, Massachusetts

Irene Patricia Mestito
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
OCAP and NOSA Award

Kuldip S. Nahal
Benicia, California

Eric Patrick Nilsen
Chester, New York

Paula Oh
Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada

Victoria Lynn Ondik
Sylvan Lake, Michigan

Kerry K. O'Neal
Portland, Connecticut

Joshua Eli Orlen
Amherst, Massachusetts

Dennis Preston Pardo
Boston, Massachusetts

Krishnachand Postum
Newton, Massachusetts

Scott Damon Pouyat
Catskill, New York
William C. Barrett Memorial
Scholarship for Clinical Excellence

Fatima Medeiros Raposo
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Joy Riar
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Diana Marie Risco
Anaheim, California

Nita K. Saini
Belleville, Ontario, Canada

John Cary Sandbower
Baltimore, Maryland

Elana Mie Scheiner
Randolph, New Jersey

Todd A. Schnobrich
Eliot, Maine
Bausch & Lomb Practice Initiation Award

Robin Michelle Segal
Moorestown, New Jersey

Thomas Jan Willem Stokkermans
Boston, Massachusetts

Jason Thomas St. Peter
Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Netty Muliawati Sutjahjo
Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

David Ross Sweeney
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Rachael Read Sweeney
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Diane Patricia Todd
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Kevin Cahir Toolin
Greenville, Rhode Island
Valedictory Award
Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal

Steven Alan Udesky
Northbrook, Illinois

Robert G. Vaughn, Jr.
Warwick, Rhode Island

Raymon B. Villegas, III
Cerritos, California

Ngoc-Han Vo
Arlington, Texas

Phong Q. Vo
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

John Lawrence Walters
Saco, Maine
Silor Optical Award

Todd Christopher Walton
Fort Plain, New York

Lillian Ing-Ling Wang
Charlottesville, Virginia

1997 Graduate Degrees (cont.)

Amy Elaine Warren
Barnegat, New Jersey
Montbe N. Kofos Scholarship

Glenna Wei
San Marino, California

Erik M. Weissberg
Dix Hills, New York
Israel and Sylvia Grossman Scholarship
Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award
Vision Service Plan Scholarship

Chunxia Zhang
Boston, Massachusetts

International Program -
Verona, Italy

Giuliano Allodi
Brescello, Reggio Emilia, Italy

Nelson Ferrarini
Guastalle, Reggio Emilia, Italy

Rosella Fonte*
Belluno, Italy

Marco Franza*
Asolo, Treviso, Italy

Giovanni Martinelli*
Valeggio Sulmincio, Verona, Italy

Elana Pellaschiar*
Trieste, Italy

Enrico Regattieri*
Verona, Italy

Nicola Zeffirino Verdolini
S. Giorgio, Verona, Italy

** These individuals are participating in the hooding ceremony, but were awarded their Doctor of Optometry degrees on previous dates.*

Bachelor of Science in Optometry

Phyllis Andrejko
North Syracuse, New York

Adam David Mark
Staten Island, New York

Eddy Najjar
Bellingham, Massachusetts

Robin Michelle Segal
Moorestown, New Jersey

The information in this listing should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.



Dr. Ronald Watanabe receiving the Carroll Martus Award from Class President Patricia Haller.

Faculty Awards

Nominated by members of the Graduating Class of 1997

Foster Namias Award
Dr. Thomas Freddo '76

Carroll Martus Award
Dr. Ronald Watanabe

Dr. John W. Streff Receives Honorary Degree

Dr. John W. Streff was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Ocular Science, at the College's 103rd commencement exercises held May 31. Dr. Streff was recognized for his many years of outstanding service to the optometric profession, especially for his work with children in vision therapy and rehabilitative optometry. In his commencement address Dr. Streff urged the graduates to give to the community as dedicated providers of eye care.

A resident of Lancaster, Ohio, Dr. Streff is known as a practitioner, researcher, and educator optometry.

Since earning his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Chicago College of Optometry in 1951, Dr. Streff has served the public both in private practice and in various clinical and educational settings. During his career, he has held notable staff positions at the Gessell Institute of Child Development, the s.a. NOEL Center, and the Clifton Head Trauma Center.

As a researcher, Dr. Streff has pioneered new developments, and has published widely. His research with children has led to dramatic correlations between vision and academic performance, as well as the identification and description of the juvenile functional bilateral amblyopia syndrome now known as "The Streff Syndrome."

Dr. Streff has also earned a noted reputation as an educator. He has directed and participated in hundreds of seminars and workshops in vision therapy and related areas, and held varied academic appointments. He is on the consulting medical staff at the Drake Rehabilitation Center, University of Cincinnati, and previously has held faculty positions at Ohio State University, College of Optometry, and the Southern College of Optometry.

He has received a number of honors, including the Meritorious Award of the U.S. Congress for his work to improve the quality of public school education in America. Also in his honor the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association awards the Streff Medal in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of vision rehabilitation each year. He holds active membership in professional organizations, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, and the National Academies of Practice.

Lorie Lepley Awarded a Boston Schweitzer Fellowship

Congratulations go out to Lorie Lepley, a second year student at the College, who has been awarded a Boston Schweitzer Fellowship for the 1997-1998 year.

Lorie Lepley is among 20 area health care students chosen each year to participate in the Boston Schweitzer Fellows Program. The fellows develop and carry out a health related service project with an area agency that assists underserved populations in the Boston metropolitan area. The Fellowship Program was inspired by Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Over the course of the year, Lorie will set up eye clinics at Boston area shelters for the homeless where optometrists and students can conduct eye examinations and provide glasses.

Each fellow creates and implements a community service project with a local agency in collaboration with a mentor at their site and a faculty advisor at their school. The project is designed to help meet the health care needs of an underserved community. In turn, the fellows receive a \$2,000 stipend in recognition of their work.

In 1991 the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, which was founded in 1940 to support Dr. Schweitzer at his West African hospital in Lambarene, Gabon, committed itself to developing programs within the United States. The fellowship was designed to encourage health care students to act on their idealism and emulate Dr. Schweitzer's example by serving needy individuals and communities. The Schweitzer Fellows Program was first publicly launched in Boston in October 1991.

Congratulations, Lorie!

The Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Achievement Award

This year's class gift from the Class of 1997 was the establishment of the Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Achievement Award. The class established an award to honor Dr. Kamens' 50 years of service and dedication to the College. The Award is given to one graduating student, is based on honesty, integrity, leadership, and a commitment in serving others in the field of optometry, as well as the dedication to continue the commitment. It is a tradition that the Class of 1997 hopes will benefit students for years to come, as well as honor Dr. Hyman R. Kamens.

This year's selected winner was Dr. Patricia A. Haller, the class president. She has opened her own practice in her home town of Chillicothe, Ohio.

If you would like to contribute to this award, please mail a check, payable to: Hyman R. Kamens Achievement Award, to: Ms. Kerry Campbell, Director of Alumni Affairs, The New England College of Optometry, 424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115.



Patricia Haller

Alumni News



**Hyman Kamens '47 and
Costos Poulos '43.**



**Paul Oliver '60 and
Gil Sellars '60.**



**Alumni and friends gather for a reception
during the AOA.**

St. Louis Alumni Reception

On June 13, the College hosted an alumni reception at the St. Louis Marriott Pavilion during the AOA's Centennial Congress. Many alumni and friends gathered together to celebrate the Centennial and catch up with friends and colleagues!



**Marcus Neitzke ODIII, Larry Clausen, Brenda
Olson '89, and Chris Freeman ODIII.**

Dear Dr. Wittman and Members of the
Alumni Association Committee:

I would like to thank you for awarding me
the Alumni Association Scholarship at our
Awards Banquet on May 30, 1997.

It really means a lot to have been chosen
for an award like this, and I hope that
I will be able to help out the Alumni
Association in various ways in the future.

Thanks again!

Laura J. Kain '97

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to Carl F. Gruning '66 on receiving the College of Optometrists in Vision Development President's Award at COVD's 26th annual meeting. The award is given to a person who makes an outstanding contribution to COVD and behavioral optometry. Dr. Gruning was also named president-elect of the organization.

M.S.O. Presidential Weekend

The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists Annual Presidential Weekend was held in Ogunquit, Maine this past May. The installation of new officers includes: **Brenda F. Olson '89**, president; **Linda M. Bennett '80**, president-elect; **Brian McHugh '83**, first vice president; **Robert Duquette '75**, treasurer; and **Susan Baylus '89**, secretary.

During the weekend, M.S.O. presented the following annual awards:

Optometrist of the Year: **Neil P. Casey**

District Chairperson of the Year: **Elizabeth A. Ryan '88**

Committee Chair of the Year: **Ernest V. Loewenstein '77**

Keyperson of the Year: **Brian S. Thamel '88**

Volunteer of the Year: **Robert P. Duquette '75**

Recognition Award: **Gary Wolf '80** (Past President 1996-97)

Achievement Award: **Carmine A. Guida '54**.

Congratulations to all!

Dr. Anthony Cavallerano Appointed Editor of the JAOA

Dr. Anthony Cavallerano '72, Dean for Clinical Affairs and Director of the New England Eye Institute at the College, has been appointed editor of the Journal of the American Optometric Association (JAOA).

AOA President Michael Jones, O.D., stated that "The AOA board of trustees is confident that, under Dr. Cavallerano, the association's journal will continue, on a monthly basis, to publish significant optometric research and provide important information of value to AOA members in their practices."

Dr. Cavallerano said "The Journal should exercise a leadership role for the profession and should reflect the ever-changing character of the profession. This is especially important today, with the internal and external forces that have come to bear on health care in general and eye care in particular."

Dr. Cavallerano served for five years as editor-in-chief of Clinical Eye and Vision Care. He has published dozens

of articles in professional publications; participated in a number of textbook and journal projects; and is a popular continuing education lecturer at optometric meetings.

A graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee and The New England College of Optometry, Dr. Cavallerano is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He has served part-time on the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Medical Department and is a consultant to the Veterans Administration.

Dr. Anthony Cavallerano took over the JAOA editorship on July 1, 1997. Congratulations!

Vision Expo

The College went to VISION EXPO in New York this spring and met with many alumni.



From L to R: **Dr. Larry Clausen**; members of the Class of 1993 **Drs. Sandra Joly, Judith Schaeffer, Anthony Favale**, and **Dr. Hyman Kamens, Dean of Alumni Development**.



From L to R: **Drs. Stuart Friedman '81, Hyman Kamens '47, and Arthur Weinwurm '80**.

Alumni News (cont.)

First-ever Census of Optometrists Under Way

"The 1997 Census of Optometry," the first complete survey of all licensed optometrists in America, began in March 1997 with the mailing of questionnaires to thousands of practitioners.

The census is part of the AOA Eye Care Workforce Project, the most detailed and comprehensive analysis of American eye and vision care ever undertaken, according to **Barry J. Barresi '77, O.D., Ph.D.**, project chair.

"This has never been done before," Dr. Barresi said. AOA has conducted a number of surveys of its member optometrists in the past. However, there has never been a survey of every licensed optometrist in the nation, he said.

The AOA project team is urging practitioners to complete the forms as soon as possible so the computation of survey data can begin. "The questionnaire contains questions on practice characteristics, workload and employment arrangements. The survey takes about ten minutes to

complete," Dr. Barresi said. "The data obtained through the census will be used to forecast future eye care workforce needs," according to Dr. Barresi.

"The project team members are very excited about this landmark census and are confident that practitioners recognize that it is important to respond promptly," Dr. Barresi said. "We want to thank in advance America's optometrists for taking time out of their busy schedules to respond."

Update

On Thursday, July 31, 1997, Acting Governor Paul Cellucci signed the TPA Bill. The M.S.O. strongly recommends that you contact your Representative(s), Senator, and Acting Governor Cellucci to thank them for their support.

The M.S.O. thanks all of its members for their support over the years in this effort.

Fourteenth Annual Anterior Segment Symposium to Support John Asarkof Scholarship Fund

Drs. **Joseph F. Molinari '74** and **Joseph L. Rowey '74**, organizers of the 14th Annual Anterior Segment Symposium, have announced that 50 percent of every registration fee will be donated to the John Asarkof Scholarship Fund at The New England College of Optometry. Dr. Molinari and Dr. Rowey, members of the Class of 1974, were both students and then friends of the late Dr. Asarkof. In addition to supporting the Asarkof Scholarship Fund, the Symposium will also present professional and research awards in the memory of John Asarkof and John Carter, former Professors at the College.

The Symposium will be held from September 19-21 at the Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida and will provide 16 hours of continuing education. Registration for the event is \$325 before August 15 and \$400 thereafter.

The Symposium, presented by The Bay Point Anterior Segment Symposium, Inc., and Nova Southeastern College of Optometry, generally attracts over 200 physicians and

Great News...

from the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists

The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists is pleased and proud to announce its **unamended** TPA Bill passed the House of Representatives on July 15th at 3:55 p.m. The Bill needs to be enacted in both the House and the Senate, then placed on the Governor's desk for his signature.

50 technicians and opticians. The three day Symposium includes one day on contact lens and corneal science, one day on pharmacology, and one day on ophthalmic management strategies.

"We are proud to support scholarships in the names of John Carter and John Asarkof '32," says Joseph Molinari. "These professors are well-remembered at the College and personify excellence in the field of optometry and optometric education."

Joseph Rowey remembers John Asarkof as "a wonderful person, an excellent care giver, and an outstanding teacher and mentor." He recalls John Carter as "one of the most intelligent people I ever met, and he was eager to share the wealth of his knowledge."

Alumni are encouraged to attend this event, which has been rated "Best Small C.E. Meeting in the USA." Additional information on the 14th Annual Anterior Segment Symposium can be obtained by calling 1-800-875-0145 or 1-800-757-3823.

1994 & 1995 Yearbooks

We have extra copies of yearbooks for the Classes of 1994 and 1995. If you would like a copy, please send a \$5 check, payable to The New England College of Optometry, to handle mailing costs, along with your name and address to:

Kerry Campbell

Director of Alumni Affairs

424 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02115

In Memory

**The College sadly acknowledges
the passing of the following:**

Joseph G. Gelsi '63
George E. Prevost, Jr. '62
Louis J. Upham '42

Dr. George E. Prevost, Jr., '62

The College community was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. George Prevost, a well-known optometrist in New Hampshire.

Dr. Prevost was educated at Assumption Preparatory School and was a graduate of Assumption College and the Massachusetts College of Optometry in 1962. He went on to practice in Nashua New Hampshire, for the next 35 years. He was a senior associate of Prevost, Helfman and Lasky Professional Association.

Professionally, he held membership in and was a past president of the New Hampshire Optometric Association. He also held membership in the American Optometric Association and was a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He was active in a number of organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Friends of Wapack, French Business Club, and the N.H. Nature Conservancy, and was one of the original supporters of "Dollars For Scholars."

Dr. Prevost was an Army veteran and was discharged with the rank of sergeant. He was an avid outdoorsman and amateur astrologer. He enjoyed family, optometry, nature, country line dancing and worldwide travel. He will be missed by all.

Alumni Association Members

Life Members of the Alumni Association

Simon Bagdikian '53
William Baldwin H'82
Jerry Barcelow '80
Leon Baronfeld '52
Linda Bennett '80
Joseph Bistricher '80
Randolph Brooks '77
Barbara Caffery '77
Nancy Carlson '77
James Casey '53
Thomas Clark '52
Joseph Comalli '60
Chine de Jenga '90
Judy DePierro '89
Danielle Dubuc '90
Sylvio Dupuis H'93
John Eleftherio '52
John Falino '42
Gerard Fay '61
Lorraine Fedyna '84
Donald Feltus '39
Richard Ferris '37
Ronald Ferrucci '74
Chester Fichandler '73
Marion Fortin '38
Irving Fradkin '43
David Gaudreau '86
Harry Gerlan '50
George Gianis '50
Arthur Giroux '55
Emanuel Glasser '53
Irving Glasser '48
William Gleason '74
Edward Goldberg '70
Jack Goldstein '48
Harold Goren '48
Alan Grossman '68
Glen Gulezian '65
Ronald Hall '65
David Harmon '89
James Herring '64
Wayne Hjerpe '81
G. Burt Holmes '52
Robert Honnors '63
Emery Houle '59
Ingebrekt Husby '34
Sandra Kantorek '76
Allen Kaplan '67

Paul Kelley '60
Lioe Kiong '76
David Klibanoff '76
Monthe Kofos '43
Peter Kumpitch '70
Dexter Laton '50
Steven Leighton '91
Earl Lizotte, Jr. '60
John McCann '66
Ernest McVay '42
Joseph Medeiros '53
Joseph Miller '35
George Montminy '69
Paul Montminy '65
Robert Moody '50
Donald Nahigyan '49
Padmini Nathan '82
Robert North '62
Patricia Packard '76
Jeffrey Palmer '80
Adelbert Parrott '34
Francisco Pimentel '67
Lorraine Pollack '74
Walter Potaznick '76
Costos Poulos '43
Arnold Richmond '48
Norman Riley '49
Richard Robillard '72
Frederic Rose '64
Alfred Roy '37
Mark Saulnier '41
Neil Schram '71
Ira Schwartz '53
Edward Schwartzberg '69
Forrest Seavey '59
Maria Serio '78
David Shaff '71
Raymond Shaffer '50
Irwin Shwom '80
Leonard Shwom '76
Mary Ellen Simmons '85
Solomon Slobins '50
Emerson Smith '50
Melvin Stack '53
Richard Tarbell '74
John Tynan H'91
Eva Wang '89
Egon Werthamer '50
Paul White '61
Clinton Wilson '43
Wayne Zahka '84
Harry Zeltzer '52

1997 Alumni Association Members

As of August 12, 1997, dues have been received by the Alumni Association from the following members:

1933
Paul Cline

1939
Joseph Donovan
Martin Kahn

1941
William Corrente
Joseph Taddonio

1942
Harold Caldarone
Herbert Iventash
Janet Mechanic

1943
David Cohen
Irwin Graubart
Malcolm Kates
Arnelda Levine

1944
Murray Miller

1946
Mitchell Kuhn
Donald Salmanson

1947
Hyman Kamens
David Yorra

1948
Thomas Baker
Henry Bershad
John Brack
Frank Kozol

1949
Jacob Abugov
C. Farrell Galloway
Haskell Rapoport

1950
Jacob Baboian
Frederick Cohen
David Kurland

Harold Pollack
Hans Wolff

1952
M. Stuart Berman
Eugene Bogage
Sidney Kaminstein
William Myers
Jordan Shapiro
Leonard Zuckerbraun

1953
Saul Purcell

1954
Abraham Shapiro
Joseph Sica

1955
Wallace Flynn
Robert Packer
Joseph Svagdys, Jr.

1956
I. Edward Sol

1957
Joseph Alger
Martin Baer
Lynde Kimball
Donald Korb
James Prince

1958
Philip Hughes

1960
Richard Crinigan
Victor Pelletier
Andrew Portoghese
Gilbert Sellars

1962
Michael Consiglio
Philip Friedman

1963
Paul Dufour
J. Baxter Swartwout
Michael Tamarkin

1964
Marvin Baum
E. Robert Grossman

1965
Joseph Bickford

- 1966
Robert Blanchard
Donald Czelusniak
Matthew Elgart
E. Bruce Kirn
Leonard Shaw
- 1967
Paul Adrien
Arthur Baker
Leonard Boyek
George Ehler
Michael Newman
Sebastian Polizzi
Ronald Tishler
- 1968
Lester Brackley
Malcolm Greene
Richard Lippman
Peter Remeny
Clifford Scott, Jr.
Mary Scott
William Watts
- 1969
Daniel Appleton
Kenneth Arruda
Paul DeCesare
Carl Doughty
Robert Duckman
Theodore Gordon
David Helfman
Jon Volovick
- 1970
Elliott Brass
Louis D'Ambrosio
Steven Lieberman
Harland Robinson, III
Ronald Serra
Hayes Sogoloff
- 1971
Samuel Baron
Peter Cottone, Jr.
Barry Fisch
Stuart Lazarus
Richard Rock
Barnet Shuman
- 1972
David Friedman
Steven Tishler
- 1973
Jonathan Birnbaum
William Dolan
Rodney Gutner
- John Herman
John Maurillo
Jeffrey Rose
- 1974
Thomas Antonian
Carl Azzoto
Robert Geula
Brian Hallowell
Joseph Molinari
David Momnie
Joseph Rowey
Ross Schwartz
Alan Siegel
Stephen Zigman
- 1975
Jeffrey Dutch
Richard Houghton
Bruce Moore
Robert Yarosh
- 1976
Terry Chin
Murray Fingeret
Thomas Fredo
Jay Greenstein
William Holmes
David Soll
Frederick Valentine
Lynn Wittman
- 1977
Barry Barresi
Gregory Bodrie
David Caban
Janice Fredo
Emil Horowitz
Lawrence Lupo
Barbara Manburg
Thomas Munns
Paulette Turco
James Williams
- 1978
A. Robert Child
Jerry Ferrell
Russell Fradkin
Ellen Gilman
Terry Goodman
Wilhelm Jaremczuk
Lawrence Kaplan
Steven Liberfarb
Caroline Marten-Ellis
Eileen McGill
Douglas Posner
Robert Waldman
- 1979
Yves Alloucherie
Robert Cushing
Stanley Shapleigh
- 1980
Robert Bolduc, Jr.
Howard Cohen
Stuart Frank
Rhonda Greifinger
Richard Jamara
Cheryl Kane-Robson
Neal Kramer
Michael McGraw
Matthew Shear
Mark Zorn
- 1981
Robert Buonfiglio
Reginald Jones
Robert Macmannis
Jeanette Sewell
Keith Taylor
- 1982
John Corvese
Catherine Hines
Jay Klein
Ken Landesman
Janet Mint
Joel Zuckerbraun
- 1983
Douglas Benoit
David Conway
Steven Goldstein
David Heath
Jeffrey Kublin
Neil Malkin
Eliezer Peli
Roseanne Ricciardi Berg
Marie Salvas
- 1984
Eugene Bernal, Jr.
Harold Curtin, III
Peter Everett
Lawrence Ginsberg
Leslie Kolker
Judith Marrocco
Michael McAvoy
John McIntyre
Rachel Negris
Robert Parks
Howard Purcell
Anthony Sacco
- Mark Schiffman
Heidi Schulman
- 1985
Janis Cotter
Brian Lambert
Cheryl Landry
John Lertora
John Minardi
William O'Donnell, Jr.
Susan Primo
Margot Seligman
- 1986
Michele Miranda
Rosemary Oreskovich
Andrew Zodikoff
- 1987
Jenifer Ambler
Lynn Brandes-Arons
Michael Cozzetta
Louise Di Chiara Pastore
Donna Goebel-Calderon
David Guiseley
John Holdsworth
Salvatore Musumeci
Stephen Polezonis
Ruth Stevens
Charles Stine
Ruth Trachimowicz
- 1988
Martin Greene
Stephen Harrell
Madge Hinman-Morrissey
David Lampariello
John Paskowski
Beverly Young
- 1989
Sheila Cooney
Denise Dobbins-Kowalik
Daniel Giovagnoli
Barry Kowalik
Frank Winski
Linda Wirth
- 1990
Robert Capone
Michele Coleman
David Dalesio
Sandra Eveleth-Dalesio
Karen Gebhardt
Jonathan Kaplan
Mark Page
Timothy Rioux

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1991

Alicia Dorman-Nieforth
Frank Kleinsorge
Stephanie Paris-Whitney
Sandra Quintero-Chica

1992

Christopher Babin
Ara Barsamian
James Cindrario
Anthony Gioscia
Steven Gurley
Randall Kane
Michele Lagana
Alice Lennox
David Lennox
Monica Martocci
Jerry Piccione
Patrick Stone

1993

Naila Aslam
Thomas Corwin
Anthony Favale, II
Madeline Fernandez
Elizabeth Harris
Anna Ison Charfield
Sandra Joly
Richard Morganstein
Anne Moskowitz
Shannon Mulligan
George Tzepos
Nickolas Vlantis
Shauna Zemken

1994

Helen Bell Necevski
Mary Boname
Jillian Bradley
Carlos DeFreitas
Mark Harris
Christopher Karalekas
Peter Mouchlis
Marcy Schultenover

1995

Adam Andron
Jane DeGrasse
Daniel Jandreau
Neil Kemp
Teresa Stone
Jo Ann Talbot

1996

Keith Andrews
Kim Ciampa
Kyra Crinella
Robert Erickson
Jenica Forslund
James Hahn
Charles Maggio
Georgeta Mocanu
Mihai Mocanu
Oscar Ni
Pramesh Patel
John Rathjens
Jacqueline Rheault
Cheryl Simoneau
Paul Vu

Class Notes

David E. Cohen '43: Woodland Hills, CA; on Halloween he and his wife will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary; and both are celebrating their 85th birthday this year.

Bertram N. Widder '55: Wilmington, DE; is the only optometrist on the staff of the 1,100 bed medical center in Delaware.

Richard Crinigan '60: Watervliet, NY; is chief of the optometry section at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, NY. For many years, he was the only optometrist to make presentations at the Surgical Service Grand Rounds. He holds an appointment as attending optometrist at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Samuel Kornblatt '61: Bellmore, Long Island; his office which opened in 1964 is located in Jamaica, New York. He and his wife Donna celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in April. Saw Rueben Margulis '61 and Jerry Sandberg '61 while on a quick trip to Florida this past winter.

Kenneth Ciuffreda '73: Woodbridge, NJ; has published his fifth book entitled "Accommodation, Nearwork and Myopia," through the OEP Foundation Press.

Jay Greenstein '76: Denver, CO; is having a great time in Colorado - spinning dials, dropping drops and "they still haven't been able to make a single malpractice charge stick!!"

Dennis P. Harrison '80: Chester, PA; received a Notary Public commission this year. He was in the first illustrated edition of "Two Thousand Notable American Men."

Judith Marrocco '84: North Reading, MA; opened a practice associated with Lenscrafters in Stoneham. She and her husband Ron have two children, Jackie and Barrett.

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